

REMARKS

Claims 3 and 18 currently remain in the application. Claims 1, 2, 4-17, 19 and 20 are canceled. Claims 3 and 18 are herein amended.

In view of the Examiner's reason for the rejection and in order to distinguish claims 3 and 18, which are both apparatus claims, in terms of structure, rather than function, claims 3 and 18 are herein amended to more narrowly limit the structure of the packaging machine being therein claimed. Explained more in detail, both claims 3 and 18 now say that there is an elongated arm member (which is supported by the member indicated by numeral 61 in Figs. 2, 9 and 11), that the cylinder (which is shown at 66 in these figures and is now referred to as the force-controlling air cylinder for the sake of clarity) and the heater unit (shown at 50) are both affixed (although not both directly) at one end of this arm member and that the other air cylinder (which is supported by the cylinder shown at 71 in these figures and is now referred to as the heater-moving air cylinder in order to distinguish from the aforementioned force-controlling air cylinder) serves to move this arm member.

These structural limitations are supported by the specification and hence enterable. Moreover, these limitations are not disclosed or even hinted at by any of the cited references. It is therefore believed that claims 3 and 18 are now non-obvious and hence that the application is now in condition for allowance. Such an action at an early date is earnestly solicited.

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